

**CHAPTER NO. 823**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2650**

**By Representatives Brenda Turner, Tindell, Armstrong, Ulysses Jones, Larry Turner**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2145**

**By Senator Crutchfield**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3007, relative to truancy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3007(i), is amended by deleting subdivision (8) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3007(i), is further amended by deleting the first sentence of subdivision (1) and substituting the following:

A local education agency may enter into an agreement with the local law enforcement agency serving the area of the LEA and the appropriate local government in that area to assist in the enforcement of compulsory attendance upon complying with the following conditions:

(A) Creation by the local school board of an advisory council to assist the board in formulating the agreement. The board shall include representatives of teachers, parents, administrators, and other community representatives.

(B) Receipt of input from neighborhood groups and other interested parties;

(C) At least one (1) public hearing on the proposed plan prior to its adoption by the board;

(D) Provisions for training teachers, principals, social workers, and other personnel involved in the schools in truancy issues;

(E) Provisions for assuring the training of involved law enforcement personnel in provisions of the truancy law, including categories of students to which the law does not apply, such as private school students or home school students;

(F) Inclusion in the agreement of safeguards to protect students from discriminatory or selective enforcement and to protect the civil rights of students and parents.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 19, 2002

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2002

  
DON CONQUIST, GOVERNOR